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NLM INTERNSHIP PROGRAM DISCONTINUED

With the approval of the Board of Regents, the National Library of Medicine Internship will be discontinued at the conclusion of the present program in August 1964.

In place of the present program the NLM will substitute a Special Training Program. Outstanding recent graduates of U.S. library schools and other qualified specialists will be recruited to fill appropriate vacancies in NLM divisions. A brief period of rotating assignments and in-service training will precede assignment to permanent library positions. Appointment to such positions will follow the regular Civil Service procedures.

The substitution of a Special Training Program for the Internship is based upon emerging needs of the library world for development of new programs requiring highly specialized and individualized skills. It is believed that this type of program will ultimately be of greater benefit to other medical libraries.

The National Library of Medicine fully supports the concept of graduate training in medical librarianship (internship) as presently conducted at university medical center libraries with the approval of the Medical Library Association. In the future the National Library of Medicine hopes to participate in the support of these and other programs designed to provide training in medical librarianship. Development of such programs in an academic environment is one of the most important requirements.

In addition to this new program, the NLM will continue to provide opportunities for selected individuals to observe or participate in certain other library activities.

Inquiries concerning training, orientation, or regular employment opportunities should be directed to:

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NLM FOREIGN LANGUAGE DUTIES EXPANDED IN EXTRAMURAL AREA

The extramural authorities and responsibilities of the National Library of Medicine for translation activities have been broadened recently on order of the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service.

Formerly confined to scientific translations of works published in the Soviet Union and related areas, the program has been given the assignment of serving as "the principal resource within the Public Health Service for the improvement of the international exchange of biomedical information ..."

The change will permit an expansion in the languages covered and will enable NLM to contract with foreign scientists and groups for the preparation of documents of particular interest to the American biomedical community.

Under its previous assignment, with foreign currencies available to NLM under Public Law 480, the program effected the translation of 19,193 pages of Russian, Serbo-Croatian, and Polish scientific literature. This included 8,147 pages of Russian translations in Israel, 8,446 pages of Polish, and 2,600 pages of Yugoslav translated literature. In addition, 7,500 abstracts of Soviet biomedical science publications were prepared for publication in the United States.

In this country the program initiated the publication, six times a year, of the Translation Supplement to the Federation Proceedings of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, critical reviews, directories, and abstracting projects.

The new NLM authorities will permit the development of mechanisms to strengthen international communication functions for the American biomedical community, with a greater coverage of languages, geographical areas, and disciplines.

The new wording of the NLM functional statement, as it relates to extramural activities in foreign languages, reads as follows:

> "(To act) as the principal resource within the Public Health Service for the improvement of the international exchange of published biomedical information through extramural support for the translation of foreign journals, monographs, critical reviews, announcement services, handbooks, data compendia, abstracts, indexes, etc., and the distribution of these translated materials to the American biomedical community."

MEDICAL ORIENTALIA

An exhibition of early medical prints, manuscripts, and monographs of China, Japan, and Korea is now on display in the lobby of the National Library of Medicine. Among items exhibited are reprint editions of the oldest known Chinese medical works: the Nei Ching Su Wen, Yellow Emperor's Classic of Internal Medicine; the Pen Ts'ao Kang Mu, the Great Herbal, and the earliest scientific work on forensic medicine, the Hsi Yuan Lu Chi Cheng. A rare guide to acupuncture, the Shen-Ying Ching, dated 1474, may also be seen, as well as the sixteenth century Korean Tongui Pogam, Treasury of Oriental Medicine, still in use in the Orient. Among the manuscripts and prints on display are two scrolls of autograph letters of eminent Japanese physicians of the Chinese and Dutch schools, dating from the seventeenth century, and selected colored woodblock prints on the "demons" of disease by Japanese artist Yohiiku Ochiai (1833-1904).

Prepared by Mr. Stephen Kim, the Library's Oriental Area Specialist, in cooperation with the History of Medicine Division, the exhibit will be on display through April 20, 1964.

LIBRARY SCIENCE COURSE

The University of Illinois Division of University Extension and the Graduate School of Library Science have announced Library Science Course E439 for the summer of 1964.

The course is designed as a part of the curriculum for the preparation of medical librarians. Meetings of the class under the leadership of Professor Clara L. Meckel will be held in the University of Illinois Library of Medical Sciences, 1853 West Polk Street, Chicago; guest lecturers will address the class, and visits will be made to other medical libraries. The class will meet for five weeks beginning on June 15 and ending July 16, 1964. Pre-registration is required before May 1, 1964; tuition fee is $36.

Interested medical librarians may write for pre-registration forms to Mr. A. J. Proteau, Division of University Extension, Illini Center, LaSalle Hotel, 10 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SMOKING AND HEALTH

The National Library of Medicine provided a number of support services for the Surgeon General's Advisory Committee on Smoking and Health, in addition to working quarters and conference rooms. Members of the staff of the Reference Services Division assisted in the searching and selection of materials for the study.

SPECIAL PHOTODUPLICATION SERVICES

The price schedule for special photoduplication services published in the January issue of the NEWS listed the charge for negative photostats at 75 cents per page. The correct charge is 50 cents per page, with a minimum charge of one dollar per order.

NLM BIBLIOGRAPHIES AVAILABLE

Facsimile copies of typewritten lists of selected references on the following subjects are available on request from the Reference Section of the Reference Services Division, National Library of Medicine:

1. Audio-visual Aspects of Medical Education (36 references)
2. Compound 33T57 (9 references)
3. Follow-up Studies of Myocardial Infarction Survivors (16 references)
4. Health Effects of Dust and Volcanic Emanations (30 references)
5. Hemolytic Anemia and Globulin Abnormalities in Infectious Mononucleosis (23 references)
6. Histologic and Metabolic Abnormalities Resulting from Streptococcal Infections (14 references)
7. Hypophysectomy in the Treatment of Diabetic Retinopathy and Diabetic Nephropathy (23 references)
8. Mental Retardation; a List of Bibliographies and Monographs (23 references)
9. Oral Contraceptives, with Particular Reference to Thrombophlebitis and Other Side Effects (83 references)
10. Perineal Testicular Ectopy. (16 references)
11. Physical Defects and Intelligence (50 references)
12. Psoriasis and Psoriasis with Streptococcal Infections (15 references)
13. Psychological Aspects of Cancer (46 references)
14. Suggested Books on Medicine and Health for High Schools (29 listings)
15. Traffic Accidents: Relation to (1) Hearing Disorders, and (2) Aging (76 references)
16. Transmission of Hepatitis from Primates to Man and Man to Primates (11 references)
17. Ultrasound in Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment (11 references)
18. Use of Intravenous Alcohol in Anesthesia (10 references)

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